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Applicant(s): Takashi Ejiri  
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Operational Status of a Stop Valve, and a  
Manual Opening Apparatus for a Normally-  
Closed Valve

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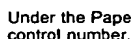
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